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**CHILD PORNOGRAPHER GETS MAXIMUM SENTENCE**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that 35 year-old Donny Lance Polson, of Pleasanton, Texas, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Fred Biery to 10 years in federal prison on child pornography charges. After completing his sentence, Polson will face a lifetime of supervised release.

The defendant pleaded guilty on June 8, 2006, to Possession of Child Pornography. In admitting his guilt, he acknowledged that he had been collecting and trading child pornography for years. In September 2005, federal agents executing a search warrant at the defendant's residence discovered approximately 9,000 images of child pornography on his computer, thumb drives and disks.

This Project Safe Childhood case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Detroit, MI, Green Bay, WI and San Antonio with assistance from the Pleasanton Police Department. The case was prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorney C. Larry Mathews.

Guided by the leadership of the Attorney General, Project Safe Childhood (PSC) aims to combat the proliferation of technology-facilitated sexual exploitation crimes against children. The threat of sexual predators soliciting children for physical sexual contact is well-known and serious; the danger of the production, distribution, and possession of child pornography is equally dramatic and disturbing. The response to these growing problems must be coordinated, comprehensive, and robust. It must aim to investigate and prosecute vigorously, and protect and assist victimized children. At the same time, it must recognize the need for a broad, community-based effort to protect our children and to guarantee to future generations the opportunities of the American dream.

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